

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p><i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<p><b>Complete If Known</b></p>	
				Application Number	10/623,281
				Filing Date	07/18/2003
				First Named Inventor	Patrick L. Watson
				Art Unit	1772
				Examiner Name	MARY CHAU
Sheet	2	of	3	Attorney Docket Number	

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

CD  
12.10.07

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature	MINT CHAU	Date Considered	09-07-05
-----------------------	-----------	--------------------	----------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. \*Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). \*See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 801.04. \*Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). \*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. \*Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. \*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<b>Complete If Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>		Application Number	10/623,281
<i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Filing Date	07/18/2003
		First Named Inventor	Patrick L. Watson
		Art Unit	1772
		Examiner Name	MINT CHAU
Sheet	1	of	3
		Attorney Docket Number	
		EKIN:1001	

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
NE		US-6,640,715	11-04-2003	Watson, et al.	
NE		US-6,454,842	09-24-2002	Vernardakis, et al.	
NE		US-6,385,783	05-14-2002	Eliason	
NE		US-6,322,033	11-27-2001	Loc	
NE		US-6,261,347	07-17-2001	Moreland, Richard B	
NE		US-6,170,760	01-09-2001	Bievenue, et al.	
NE		US-6,115,956	09-12-2000	Firmin	
NE		US-6,113,895	09-05-2000	McCain	
NE		US-6,101,981	08-15-2000	Friend, et al.	
NE		US-6,089,947	07-18-2000	Green	
NE		US-6,004,666	12-21-1999	Hornig, et al.	
NE		US-5,995,770	11-30-1999	Rochford, et al.	
NE		US-5,975,675	11-02-1999	Kim	
NE		US-5,970,300	10-19-1999	Acquaviva	
NE		US-5,924,221	07-20-1999	Schuver, et al.	
NE		US-5,817,385	10-06-1998	Stanislav	
NE		US-5,665,458	09-09-1997	Mahn, Jr.	
NE		US-5,577,947	11-26-1996	Malloy, et al.	
NE		US-5,569,683	10-29-1996	Bootman, et al.	
NE		US-5,549,247	08-27-1996	Rossman, et al.	
NE		US-5,480,506	01-02-1996	Mahn, et al.	
NE		US-5,426,008	06-20-1995	Hagiwara, et al.	
NE		US-5,391,420	02-21-1995	Bootman, et al.	
NE		US-5,093,182	03-03-1992	Ross	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature	MINT CHALL	Date Considered	09-07-05
-----------------------	------------	--------------------	----------

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. **\*Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).** **\*See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04.** **\*Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).** **\*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.** **\*Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.** **\*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.*